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Sir:

In satisfaction of the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant wishes to draw the attention of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to the references cited on the accompanying form PTO-1449.

Since copies of all the references (except 1, 6, 12, 26, 28, 34-35, 38, 43, 58-59, 74-75, 78-84, 97, 102, and 197) were provided either by the Applicant or the Examiner in the following related U.S. Applications; Serial No. 089/808,750, filed February 28, 1997, now Patent No. 6,265,155; and U.S.S.N. 09/639,311 filed August 15, 2000, now Patent No. 6,291,188, upon which the instant application relies for its priority date, in accordance with 37

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C.F.R. § 1.98(d), no copies of those references are enclosed. Copies of references 1, 6, 12, 26, 28, 34-35, 38, 43, 58-59, 74-75, 78-84, 97, 102, and 197 are enclosed herewith.

With respect to patent applications, the applicants point out their duty under M.P.E.P. §2001.06(b) to disclose relevant patent applications of which they are aware. To this end, the applicants draw the Examiner's attention to the following patent applications;

1. U.S.S.N. 08/808,750, filed February 28, 1997, now Patent Number 6,265,155; and U.S.S.N. 09/639,311, filed August 15, 2000, now Patent Number 6,291,188.
2. U.S.S.N. 08/312,388, filed September 26, 1994, now Patent Number 5,620,850; U.S.S.N. 08/786,187, filed January 21, 1997; U.S.S.N. 09/296,111, filed April 21, 1999, now Patent Number 6,197,515; U.S.S.N. 09/296,078, filed April 21, 1999, now Patent No. 6,322,979; and U.S.S.N. 09/915,187, filed July 25, 2001.
3. U.S.S.N. 08/786,153, filed January 21, 1997, now abandoned; U.S.S.N. 08/804,883, filed February 24, 1997, now abandoned; and U.S.S.N. 08/843,623, filed April 10, 1997, now Patent No. 6,306,584.

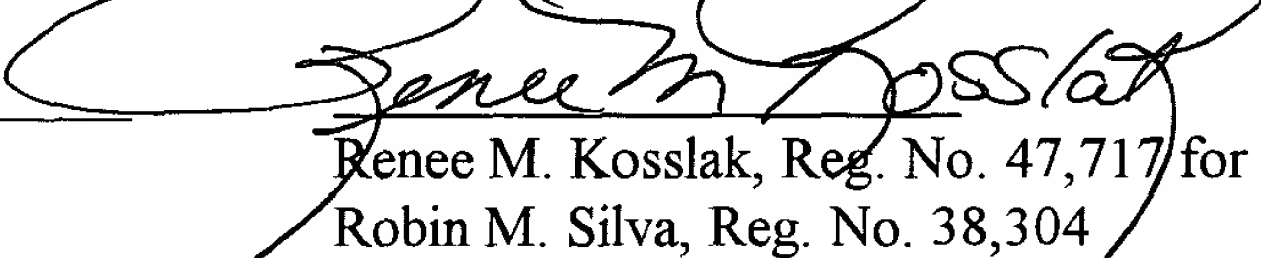
None of the foregoing references are believed to disclose the invention as claimed. Nothing herein shall constitute an admission concerning the contents of any of the cited references, nor shall the inclusion of a reference herein be considered an admission that the reference constitutes prior art against the invention claimed in the above-identified application. Submission of the present document shall not be construed as an admission that a search has been made or that better art does not exist.

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Respectfully submitted,

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